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# OHIO

## WEEKLY CROP - PROGRESS SUMMARY

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### OHIO CROP-WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the State was 69.9 degrees, 0.7 degrees above normal for the week ending Sunday, September 5. Precipitation averaged 0.47 inches, 0.27 inches below normal. Growing degree days were 7 points above normal.

Reporters rated 4.8 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven-day period ending Friday, September 3. This is 3.1 days above last year but 0.7 days less the 1999-03 average. Topsoil moisture was rated 1 percent very short, 11 percent short, 77 percent adequate, and 11 percent surplus.

#### Days Suitable

	Current week	Previous week	Since 1 <sup>st</sup> week of April
2004	4.8	4.7	92.6
2003	1.7	5.3	80.4
1999-2003 Average	5.5	6.0	104.6

#### Topsoil Moisture

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Current Week	1	11	77	11
Last Week	1	14	75	10
Same Week Last Year	0	0	56	44
1999-2003 Average	21	23	46	10

### FIELD ACTIVITIES AND CROP PROGRESS WEEK ENDING SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 5

**Corn** is approximately 96 percent in dough, five days ahead of last year, and four days ahead of the five-year average. Corn is roughly 69 percent dented, is about eight days ahead of 2003 and four days ahead of the 1999-2003 average. Farmers have 17 percent of **Corn silage** harvested, compared to 10 percent the previous year and 21 for the five-year

average. Twenty-one percent of **Soybeans** are dropping leaves, compared to nine percent in 2003 and 20 percent for the 1999-2003 average. Soybeans are three percent mature, one week ahead of last year but two days behind the five-year average. Virtually all **Oats** are now harvested. **Potatoes** are at 73 percent harvested. This is 12 days ahead of last year and 13 days ahead of the 1999-2003 average. Ohio **Cucumber** growers have 63 percent of their crop harvested, compared to 72 percent the previous year, and 84 percent for the 1999-2003 average. The third cutting of **Alfalfa hay** is 75 percent complete, about six days ahead of last year, but about four days behind the 1999-2003 average. The fourth cutting of alfalfa hay is 14 percent complete, three days ahead of last year but seven days behind the five-year average. The second cutting of **Other Hay** is 93 percent complete, two days ahead of last year, but five days behind the 1999-2003 average. The third cutting of other hay is 36 percent complete, about the same as last year, but nine days behind the five-year average. **Summer Apples** are currently 95 percent harvested, while **Fall apples** are 10 percent complete. The **Peach** harvest is 97 percent completed. Vegetable growers have 43 percent of **Processing Tomatoes** harvested, compared to 19 percent last year and 38 percent for the 1999-2003 average. **Grape** producers have 19 percent of their crop harvested.

Heavy storms struck during the last weekend in August dumping several inches of rain in certain parts of the state. The northern part of Ohio received the largest amount of rain, almost eight inches fell in Putam county. In drier areas farmers harvested corn silage, baled hay, and dug potatoes. Small amounts of soybeans were harvested this past week but most grain farmers continue preparing harvesting equipment. Vegetable producers harvesting cucumbers, sweet corn, peppers, and tomatoes. Farmers prepared winter wheat fields by applying fertilizer and tilling under wheat stubble.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITIONS

Soybeans condition at 59 percent good to excellent, compared to 57 percent last week. Sudden death syndrome and insects continue negatively affecting soybeans. The cooler than normal temperatures are causing pumpkins in some locations to ripen early.

### PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 5

Crop	2004	2003	1999-03 Average	Previous Week	
				Ohio	U.S.
Alfalfa Hay 3 <sup>rd</sup> cutting	75	63	81	54	NA
Alfalfa Hay 4 <sup>th</sup> cutting	14	10	22	6	NA
Apples harvested (fall)	10	9	11	4	NA
Apples harvested (summer)	95	99	93	84	NA
Corn in dough	96	91	93	91	79
Corn dented	69	44	58	49	46
Corn mature	5	1	9	3	11
Corn silage harvested	17	10	21	6	NA
Cucumbers harvested	63	72	84	61	NA
Grapes harvested	19	4	9	11	NA
Oats harvested	100	100	100	97	85
Other Hay 2 <sup>nd</sup> cutting	93	91	96	86	NA
Other Hay 3 <sup>rd</sup> cutting	36	35	51	27	NA
Peaches harvested	97	90	92	88	NA
Potatoes harvested	73	47	53	47	NA
Processing tomatoes harvested	43	19	38	23	NA
Soybeans dropping leaves	21	9	20	5	6
Soybeans mature	3	NA	4	NA	NA

PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 5

CORN	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	3	9	25	47	16
Previous Week	4	10	26	44	16
Previous Year	2	6	22	48	22
HAY	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	2	8	28	50	12
Previous Week	2	8	31	48	11
Previous Year	5	11	26	45	13
LIVESTOCK	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	0	1	17	62	20
Previous Week	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Previous Year	0	1	16	66	17
PASTURE	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	1	7	25	55	12
Previous Week	1	6	27	56	10
Previous Year	2	4	19	53	22
SOYBEANS	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	4	10	27	46	13
Previous Week	5	10	28	44	13
Previous Year	3	7	25	49	16

WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 5

	Temperature		Precipitation				Growing Degree Days <sup>1/</sup>			
Region	Last Week	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.
Northwest	70.0	1.4	0.76	0.06	21.84	3.47	141	11	2492	-41
North Central	69.6	1.1	0.46	-0.20	22.62	3.80	138	8	2473	-20
Northeast	68.1	0.8	0.38	-0.36	23.41	4.13	128	5	2299	-50
West Central	70.4	1.1	0.34	-0.37	22.70	2.71	144	9	2656	22
Central	70.6	1.2	0.19	-0.58	24.02	3.67	147	11	2716	58
Central Hills	68.9	0.9	0.49	-0.28	26.79	6.60	134	7	2468	-4
Northeast Hills	67.7	-0.7	0.61	-0.20	27.07	7.12	126	-3	2477	-27
Southwest	70.9	0.3	0.38	-0.39	21.90	0.70	148	5	2832	58
South Central	71.2	0.5	0.72	0.01	22.69	2.60	150	7	2917	111
Southeast	70.0	0.6	0.40	-0.37	23.55	3.24	142	6	2707	61
STATE	69.9	0.7	0.47	-0.27	23.48	3.60	141	7	2620	21

1/ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86.

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